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## City Manager Reports On Need To Deal With Center Troublemakers

The gathering at the center in the evening of a group of teenagers and young adults including "a hard core of individuals who are known to the police and many citizens as troublemakers and who have lengthy records of arrests and convictions for a variety of crimes" is a problem that requires special city ordinances. City Manager James Giese reported to the council in a memorandum prepared in connection with the proposed anti-loitering ordinance.

Giese said that the proposed ordinance, which would prohibit loitering in public places between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., would only be partially effective since a number of incidents requiring police action occur before 11 p.m. Giese also noted that the police would be faced with a "policy judgment" on whether or not to prohibit loitering by peaceful and law-abiding citizens. For these reasons the manager requested additional time to prepare a revised version of the proposed law or possibly other ordinances which would deal more directly with the subject.

In his report Giese spelled out for the first time in an official public statement the seriousness of the situation. He declared that "there is a group that frequents the center which has interfered with the enjoyment of the area by others, has interfered with the conduct of business by the merchants in the center and from the ranks of which come the individuals who cause most of the vandalism, misdemeanors and disturbances which occur in the center and its vicinity."

He noted that this group is composed of the same individuals daily. In addition to the hard core who have police records, there is a group of hangers-on and followers who as yet have been involved only in minor incidents. However, Giese warned, "some of the followers are being informally educated to become the leading troublemakers a year or two from now." He stated that "any parent who knowingly permits his child to hang out at the center is permitting his child to associate with some of the disreputable elements of the teenage and young adult community."

Giese cited in his report a series of incidents which has occurred lately in and around the center. He noted that on at least three occasions in the past two weeks two or more youths have waylaid and beaten a youth. In another case rowdiness resulted in a boy being pushed through a plate glass window. Drunkenness has been noted among these youths who possess and consume beer and whiskey.

The manager also told of frequent disorderly conduct involving shouting, swearing and blocking of sidewalks and entrances to business establishments. In addition to vandalism, there is daily breakage of bottles on sidewalks and street pavements in and around the center. Giese also stated that potentially dangerous situations are being created by the appearance of gangs of kids from at least two other communities.

While the police department is well aware of this situation and has received numerous complaints,

the department, said Giese, does not have sufficient manpower available to provide a man on duty at the center full-time during the evening hours. Numerous calls require the presence of the police elsewhere. Most of the occurrences take place when an officer is not present, and witnesses refuse to swear out formal complaints or appear in court.

Giese pointed out that the center is checked repeatedly during the evening. However, he commented wryly, "the sight of a squad car will change an unruly gang into a choir of angels instantly."

He stated that no city ordinances cover any of the above occurrences. The most effective state law which the police use prohibits obstructing sidewalks, making unseemly noise, the use of profane or obscene language, and disturbing the peace. He said that when this law can be used, "groups who are creating disturbances will be broken up and arrests made when conditions warrant."

## Recreation News

by Richard Stevenson

Winners of the Fourth of July activities are as follows:

Horseshoes: boys' singles, W. Coulter; adult singles, George H. Bradley; adult doubles, George H. Bradley and F. Horstman; boys' doubles, James Rhatigan and Mike Kaplan.

Novelty Swim Broad Jump: boys, Neville Keys, Mike McMann; girls 10 and under, Derielle Dube, Cindy Hampton, Ruth Thurston. Belly Flop: Wayne Palmer, Marty Haker. Slide Contest: girls 10 and under, Ruth Thurston, Cindy Hampton, Derielle Dube; boys, 10 and under, Mike McMann, Dennis Dube; 14 and under, Danny Dube, Neville Keys; 18 and under, Marty Haker and Wayne Keys. Dive & Glide: girls 10 and under, Derielle Dube, Naomi Walder, Mindy Walder; 10 and under, boys, Mike McMann, Dennis Dube; boys, 14 and under, Neville Keys, Danny Dube; boys, 18 and under, tie between Marty Haker and Wayne Palmer. Apple Race: girls, 10 and under, Derielle Dube, Mindy Walder, Naomi Walder; boys, Neville Keys, Danny Dube, Dennis Dube. Three Legged: Mike McMann and Neville Keys, Danny and Dennis Dube, Derielle Dube, and Cindy Hampton. Splash Contest: girls, 10 and under, Ruth Thurston, Derielle Dube, Cindy Hampton; girls, 14 and under, Ann Barcus; boys, Neville Keys, Mike McMann.

The first half of the Babe Ruth League has been completed. Standings are as follows:

	W	L
Fire Department	5	1
Lions Club	4	2
Festival Committee	3	3
Woody's Flying "A"	0	6

The Teen Club is having a Shipwreck Dance with the Montereys at the Youth Center July 13 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday, July 14, at 6 p.m. the first annual "Old Timers" Babe Ruth League game will be played. Former All-Stars will play this year's All-Stars.

The Prince Georges County Recreation Department is holding a Fishing Rodeo at Greenbelt Lake, 9 a.m. Thursday, July 18. Rain date will be Friday, July 19.

## What Goes On

Thursday, July 11, 7:45 p.m.

GHI Board meets.

Friday, July 12, 8:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room.

Saturday, July 13, 8 p.m.

Teen Club Shipwreck Dance at Youth Center.

Sunday, July 14, 4 p.m.

Opening of local art exhibition at Twin Pines.

5:30 p.m. Tennis exhibition at Greenbelt tennis courts.

6 p.m. "Old Timers" Babe Ruth League game.

Fishing rodeo at Greenbelt Lake.

Thursday, July 18, 9 a.m.

Friday, July 19, 9 a.m.

Tennis tournament at Greenbelt tennis courts.

## The Police Blotter

Numerous complaints concerning juveniles have been received by the police during the last two weeks. The timing of the reports make it appear that defiant mob movements have been in evidence.

On the night of June 27, a group of juveniles was reported shining flashlights into passing cars. Later, after midnight, a citizen complained of a person lying on the ground in one of the courts on Ridge Road. When police investigated, they found four youths sitting there and told them to go home. A report was received later that day stating that a group of 17 and 18-year-old boys were in the habit of congregating near one of the oil-fill areas in a court where they were reported to be drinking beer, breaking bottles, smoking, and tampering with cars.

The following night, the complaints came from the vicinity of the Center. Shortly before 11 p.m., the owner of a business establishment at the Center reported disorderly juveniles; they were gone by the time the police arrived. At approximately 2 a.m. a complaint was received from a citizen of Lakeview Circle that a group of youths were congregating in the park in that area. And in the morning, it was discovered that a "No Parking" sign near the Center Mall had been bent over by persons unknown.

A complaint was received the next evening from a merchant who reported that an individual was being disorderly in his store. The individual was fighting with the clerk on duty and, during the scuffle, the clerk was pushed through a plate glass door. Police apprehended the assailant, who was not a Greenbelt resident.

On July 2, a number of events seemed to follow in succession. First, a report came from the County Police that drag racers had been seen on Kenilworth Avenue heading toward Greenbelt. Then came a report that a car radio had been stolen from a parked vehicle on Ridge Road. In the evening, a report was received of a fight at the Center. The police officer who was sent to the scene reported that a mob of about 100 was congregated in the Center using loud and boisterous language. At the same time, a fight was reported taking place behind the statue. No arrests were made but the area was cleared. About twenty-five minutes later, another gathering of about forty youths was reported at the Center. And a few minutes after this complaint, a citizen on Ridge reported a large number of youths setting off fireworks in one of the park areas. They were gone when police arrived.

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## Anti-loitering Debate Draws Big Crowd to Council Meeting

by Charles T. McDonald

A full house was on hand at the opening of the regular meeting of Greenbelt City Council on Monday evening, July 8. The large group, including about a dozen teenagers, had come to hear and be heard on the proposed "anti-loitering ordinance" up for second reading.

Because of the large number of citizens present to discuss this ordinance, Mayor White announced, with the approval of Council, that the subject would be moved up on the agenda and the citizens would be heard first. A deadline was set for this discussion at 10:20 p.m. The Mayor further announced that because of a special memo from the city manager requesting further time for study of the ordinance, no final action would be taken on the ordinance until next meeting.

Al Herling was granted the floor for the purpose of announcing that he had invited a representative from the lawyers panel of the

National Capital Area Civil Liberties Union to review the proposed ordinance and he requested that Miss Selma W. Samols be given permission to read her prepared statement. Opposition was expressed from the audience on the basis that Miss Samols was not a Greenbelt resident. After lengthy discussion among members of Council it was agreed that time would be extended to Miss Samols after all the citizens had spoken.

Most of the citizen support for the passage of the ordinance expressed the need of some restraint of the few youths who continually disturb the law-abiding citizens of the community and the merchants in the center. Nevertheless, there was little support for the ordinance as it is written.

### Concern Expressed

Concern was expressed that the ordinance as worded could conceivably apply to persons on their own property or to persons leaving the theater or meetings, that it would encompass all age groups, and that it would be difficult to enforce without infringing on basic civic liberties. At the same time, it was felt by some that present laws could be more effectively used to meet most of the problems.

The city manager, in a memo distributed before the meeting, had taken cognizance of this criticism by requesting that the ordinance be referred back to him for revision. He noted that the ordinance would be only partially effective in dealing with most of the incidents which take place at the center, especially before 11 p.m. and that the proposed ordinance does differ from recommended "model" ordinances. He also noted that other ordinances may be possible which would deal better with the problem.

### Other Matters

In considering the Resolution to amend the City Charter to pro- Employee Relations Board in place of the Personnel Board, a new paragraph was suggested by the Ad Hoc Personnel Advisory Committee which would require City employees to testify at hearings and after much discussion the Ordinance was amended and passed for first reading.

Under "Petitions and Requests" Harvey Geller inquired as to the progress of a proposed ordinance having to do with the relation of the Corrupt Practice Act to city elections. Mayor White indicated that the subject had been discussed with the city solicitor and requested the city manager to discuss the subject with the solicitor for an early presentation of proper ordinance.

A complaint of a citizen having to do with the payment of a towing and storage charge on an impounded car resulted in a motion for the City to compensate the owner of the car in the amount of \$16. because of the misunderstanding of the time limit set by the Police department in the notice to the owner. The motion carried an amendment to have the legality of the motion approved by the City Solicitor.

### Springhill Lake Roads

A lengthy letter with accompanying drawing of suggested access roadways to the Springhill Lake apartments was received from the Springhill Lake developers. The city manager urged City Council's assistance in improving the possible access to this large development. By motion, he was requested to set up a meeting at an early date between the Springhill Lake Developers and the State Roads Commission and City Council to determine how such assistance can be directed.

At the request of Mayor White, a short report was given on the possible location of State Roads Commission building at the present Public Works Warehouses and further information was promised the Council at an early date.

## Bus Service Proposal To Be Heard July 25

The WMA Transit proposal to initiate bus service between Greenbelt, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and downtown via express buses during rush hours and to Beltway Plaza during non-rush hours will be heard by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission on July 25.

The hearing originally scheduled for an earlier date was delayed when D. C. Transit announced it wished to file a protest. It is anticipated that D. C. Transit will argue that this area should be more properly served by them. A letter from D. C. Transit to the city council read last Monday night indicated that they would be willing to extend service to this area.

## CITY NOTES

City Manager James Giese reports that a "bang-up time" was had by all at the fireworks display at Greenbelt Lake on the evening of July Fourth. The crowd was estimated at 2500-3500 persons. The teen splash party at the pool that same evening was also a success, despite the coolness of the night air.

The Greenbelt swimming pool, which cleared a profit last year for the first time in many years, has done so again. Season subscriptions by June 28 totalled 654, compared to last year's total of 592 for the entire summer.

The Department of Public Works completed work this week on a manhole and catch basin at 50 Lakeside Drive. They will be installing an additional sewer line there in the near future.

## Human Relations Council Moves Nearer Establishment

In a further step towards establishment of a Human Relations Council, the Prince Georges County Commissioners met July 2 with Mr. Douglas Sands, former Executive Secretary of the Maryland Commission on Inter-racial Problems and Relations.

Following the meeting, Chairman Frank J. Lastner reported, "The Commission feels that we want to discuss with people experienced in this field the objectives and composition of the Council we are to establish. Mr. Sands has had an excellent record in this area on the state level and all of us on the Commission found his observations and suggestions most helpful to us in our determinations. We hope to be able to establish the Council within a week or ten days."

## Planner Of Greenbelt Dies

Frederick Bigger, who served during the New Deal with the Resettlement Administration as chief planner of Greenbelt died recently in Pittsburgh at the age of 82. He was regarded as one of the chief architects of Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, the law which paved the way for Federal cooperation with local communities undertaking urban renewal projects.



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## A Shocking Eye-Opener

City Manager James Giese's memorandum to the city council on the serious juvenile problem in Greenbelt, particularly in the case of groups of teenagers and young adults who gather at the center in the evening, probably does not come as a great surprise to a number of residents. He has done a service, however, by calling public attention to the situation.

The *News Review* agrees with Mr. Giese that enforcing an anti-loitering law could present new problems without really dealing effectively with the basic problem. It is to be hoped that the city manager and the police chief (who apparently feels that he cannot do his job properly without one or more additional ordinances) will be able to come up with something that can be utilized by our limited police force to control the young troublemakers in our community without abridging civil rights.

Most of all, we trust that the city manager's memorandum will be a shocking eye-opener to many citizens who would prefer to ignore such problems as long as they themselves are not directly affected. People, however, are always concerned about the economic value of their homes and property. If Greenbelt once got the reputation of a community where rowdies are allowed to run at will, it would not take long for this to be felt by those trying to sell their homes. Greenbelt could become a less desirable address than it is at present.

We are not trying to scare anyone, and we do not want to imply that the situation is out of control. The city manager's report, however, carries the clear warning that this could happen unless all our citizens, especially parents of teenagers, take an active interest in applying corrective measures.

## ACLU ROLE HIT

To the Editor:

At the July 8, 1963, Monday evening of the City Council it was proposed by a citizen that a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union be heard for the expressed purpose of lobbying against the proposed anti-loitering ordinance.

My concern here is not with the pros or cons of the proposed ordinance! That is for us, the Citizens of Greenbelt and OUR elected City Council to discuss and decide! It is NOT for an outside lobbying organization to come to OUR Council meeting and, IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 725 OF THE CITY CHARTER, be permitted by Council to lobby against a proposed ordinance! WE, the Citizens of Greenbelt, are capable of SELF-GOVERNMENT! We have HOME RULE! We do not need the outside interference of a controversial organization whose ideas of constitutional government are alien to the hallowed concepts of 'government by the people,' in the thinking of many, many fine Americans!

The people of Greenbelt should be informed that a Councilman was involved in bringing the ACLU representative to this Council meeting.

Greenbelt City Ordinances are for the government of Greenbelt citizens and Council is bound by Charter to decide on that basis and not on the lobbying propaganda and the political philosophy of an outfit like the ACLU. This proposed ordinance does not mention GOD, restrict the sale of obscene literature, restrict the showing of lewd movies, nor does it restrict the activities of Communists!

Joseph Hanyok

## TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT???

To the Editor:

What appears to some to be a "tempest in a teapot" in the 45 Court of Ridge Road is really not. What appears on the surface to be a 45 Court controversy between neighbors is in reality a problem that involves the future of all GHI homeowners.

The question revolves around whether your neighbors can build large free standing structures (in this particular instance 26 feet by 22 feet with an overall roof of 52

feet by 22 feet) in the already congested auto entrance of your court. What happens in the 45 court will set a precedent, since this has never been permitted before. The GHI Board and its management advisors should seriously consider the consequence of its final decision in this matter.

The majority residents of 45 Ridge feel that the Board should perpetuate two rules for the future: (1) No free standing structures on any side except small tool sheds; (2) No construction on the back side of the Court except small tool sheds.

We sound the alarm. We ask that all those who want to prevent a congested slum condition and who want to maintain and improve the beauty and value of Greenbelt come to the GHI Board meeting July 11 or call the Board to express their feelings.

A. Chasnoff

## OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL

To the Editor:

We take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to the Mayor and City Council, to the many civic and business organizations, Church groups, and to our many other friends in Greenbelt for the testimonial dinner on the occasion of our recent departure from Greenbelt. We assure you that the affair was most delightful and one that we shall never forget. In particular we want to thank Mr. Charles T. McDonald and the many willing members of his committee responsible for arranging so many details. We shall always treasure the many friendly expressions, gifts, and resolutions of the various organizations just as we shall our twenty-one years of wonderful associations in Greenbelt.

Tom and Betty Canning and family

## Scholarship for Miss Munns

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt annual scholarship of \$125 was awarded this year to Susan Munns, daughter of Mrs. Joyce Munns, 11-B Parkway. Susan graduated from High Point High School in June and plans to major in sociology and criminology.

Plans are being made for the Woman's Club Membership Tea to be held on September 29, with Mrs. Warren Steffen acting as chairman.

## A PROBLEM EXISTS

To the Editor:

I have read with some concern the letter to the editor by Mr. and Mrs. Weinstein and printed in the July fourth issue of the *News Review*. The gist of the letter seemed to be this "We enjoy occasionally sitting in the center in the evening. We have caused no damage. We have perpetrated no vandalism. Let us therefore have no control upon public assembly in this area". I would like to make a few observations.

1. Sitting in the center for a while in the evening is not "loitering". It is short sighted to assume that an ordinance restricting loitering would preclude a few moments evening meditation upon the beauties of nature and our fair city.

2. As attested by the current blackened condition of our center statuary, there are a few who have nothing better to do than perpetrate such mischief. I'm sure that this is not the only act of vandalism caused by this "few" in the center, but this is at least obvious. A problem does exist.

3. During several years of very pleasant association with (I really hate to use the term "teenagers") young people as a high school teacher, it has been my observation that the controls placed upon the unruly element of any group is appreciated by the rest, as long as these controls are reasonable and fairly administered. Are we to create a situation such that a few undisciplined teenagers can bring reproach upon the entire town? Few indeed would actually desire the natural consequences of the course of action proposed by Mr. and Mrs. Weinstein. It sounds real nice. It appears real liberal. It is, in fact, practically anarchy on a small scale.

I would be the last to put the clamps on the assembling together of all young people, or anyone else for that matter. I have been privileged to attend many social gatherings of young people both in and out of school. I can vouch for the fine character of these kids. Most young people recognize the responsibility attendant upon privilege. Let's not allow a few to be presented with a temptation greater than they can bear in the form of a sentimental passivity toward reasonable legislation. I would suggest the enactment of a loitering and public assembly regulation, worded such that it will accomplish the desired end i.e. protection of our municipal property and of our corporate reputation.

Robert A. Love

## SEES NEED FOR LAW

To the Editor:

Although I am not a resident of Greenbelt, I am employed here and have occasion to be in the Center at a variety of hours - both day and night. I therefore have been able to observe the definite need for an anti-loitering law in Greenbelt. I also feel that more policemen should be hired for the express purpose of patrolling the shopping center and recreation areas of the city.

In refusing to consider an anti-loitering law and in speaking out against such laws, Greenbelt is taking the attitude of an Ostrich - Head in the sand - about a dangerous situation. Greenbelt is well known, from Cumberland to Annapolis, as a city with a bad teenage and post teenage reputation.

On a recent Saturday night I observed fifteen teenagers, both boys and girls, none of whom appeared to be older than fifteen years, tampering with cars after 10:30 p.m. in the east parking lot. Serious threats to life and limb of both residents and non-residents have already taken place in and around the Center. Many of these "rumbles" never get into the press, so many people never hear of all the "goings on" and feel that there is no real need for control.

As usually happens in similar situations, much will be said about this subject, both pro and con, but nothing will be done until some one is seriously hurt or killed by a "Gang." Not wanting to be that "goat", I must ask that you withhold my name from publication.

Name Withheld

## Haber-Goodman

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Haber, 1-G Westway, announce the marriage of their daughter Glenda to Victor Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Goodman of Philadelphia.

Glenda attended Greenbelt elementary schools and High Point High School, and recently graduated with honors from the University of Maryland. She will teach the Fifth Grade at Forest Heights Elementary School. Victor is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, and is employed as a registered pharmacist by Dart Drug Stores.

The wedding took place at the Manger Hamilton Hotel in Washington, D. C., on June 23, and was attended by relatives from New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Cincinnati, and by friends from Greenbelt.

The couple honeymooned in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and St. Thomas, and stayed at the Carib Hilton Hotel. They will reside in Oxon Hill, Maryland.

## Mudrick-Gerson

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mudrick, of Silver Spring, Maryland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine, to Sanders Paul Gerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Gerson 54-D Ridge. Lorraine and Sanders attend the University of Maryland.

## Herbert Hertz

Herbert Hertz, former Greenbelter, died suddenly last Saturday. He is survived by his wife Myra and children Kenneth, Janet, and Lyn, of 102 Fleetwood Terrace, Silver Spring.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Training Union  
3:30, 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship  
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Midweek Service

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No advance registration will be taken. Each class will consist of 10 children. If you prefer a specific time, please register early.

Richard Stevenson  
Director of Recreation



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## Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - GRanite 4-6063

Michael Garin, Roy Dambruskas, and Clifford Morgan donated all the money they collected from the sale of their old toys to the Children's Hospital - a total of \$5.08. Good work, boys!

The Thomas Morgan family, 1 Northway, have moved to Denver, Colorado. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

Our deepest sympathy to Mr. Clyde Dupree, 54-M Ridge, who lost his wife.

Condolences to Marilyn Spitz, Greenbelt's City Clerk, on the death of her father.

## THE NAME IS FAMILIAR

by Dorothy Sucher

Thomas J. Canning, sixteen years a city councilman and three times mayor, has left Greenbelt after living here since 1942.

Tom Canning's ready smile, white hair, and intensely blue eyes, have long been familiar to Greenbelters. The unofficial elder statesman of the council, he has often enlivened council meetings with his dry wit and infectious laugh, as well as distinguishing himself by his impartiality, moderation, and concern for the welfare of his fellow-citizens. He will be hard to replace. However, although a man of both good nature and good sense, he confesses that he has a temper; his temper was responsible for his plunge into local politics shortly after he moved to Greenbelt.

"Things were pretty hot around here at that time," commented Canning during a recent interview. "The mayor was always fighting with the city manager. On one occasion the manager was invited to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremonies of a new street-car line. The mayor got mad. He felt that he should have been the one to be invited."

The controversy that resulted hit the front pages of the Washington newspapers. The Greenbelt elections were coming, and the campaign was long and hard-fought. Nineteen candidates ran for council - perhaps a record number. The conduct of the police department became an issue. Several officers were accused of attending a party in full uniform (including pistols) and there was, in Canning's words, "a big hullabaloo." Sound trucks circulated through Greenbelt, condemning the police and warning citizens, "Don't let your daughters out tonight!" Canning chuckled reminiscently - "Oh, it was crazy!"

Religious issues, with anti-semitic overtones, entered the campaign. Said Canning, "I was getting madder by the minute. Two or three people buttonholed me down at the store and said, 'why don't you run?' I'd never been in politics before, never even attended a city council meeting."

Canning entered the race. The candidates made their campaign speeches at a boisterous town meeting, where several appealed to religious bias. The inexperienced Canning, hot under the collar, remained silent until finally one member of the audience addressed a question to him. "Then I took off. I said that if I was elected I would be fair and square to everybody, and I wouldn't care whether they came from Brooklyn or West Virginia. Afterwards all my friends told me I was finished. I'd ruined any chance I might have had of being elected."

They were wrong. Canning was the only one of the nineteen candidates to be elected, and it was necessary to hold another runoff

election. Since he had polled the highest number of votes, he found himself mayor of Greenbelt. He performed his duties so well that he was subsequently reelected, eventually serving on council for a record total of sixteen years. Looking backward, Canning stated, "It was a marvelous experience, serving on council. I don't think a citizen can understand anything about his tax dollar until he serves."

Local politics have left Canning little time for hobbies, although once in a while he likes to get out into the garden. Now that he has moved, he hopes to devote more time to his children, and to do a bit of carpentry in the workshop at his new house in College Park Woods.

Canning is an attorney in the Real Estate Directorate of the Army Chief of Engineers. He is married to the former Elizabeth Floegel, whom he met while they were both law students. The Cannings have eight children, two of them married and one in the service, and two grandchildren. The Cannings' new house will give them some much-needed extra room. Canning commented, however, "As for leaving Greenbelt, I tell everybody I'm not going to leave. I don't know anybody in College Park Woods, and anyway it's only a couple of miles from here. All my good friends live in Greenbelt."

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**POLICE BLOTTER from One**

One citizen was incarcerated and charged with disorderly conduct at the lake during the Fourth of July fireworks celebration. Also on that night, a loud firecracker was set off inside the theater. The guilty person was not apprehended.

Last Sunday afternoon, police received a complaint that a group of fifteen to twenty juveniles was gathered behind the Greenbelt Plaza apartments and allegedly using foul language and fighting. Two members of the group were reported to be girls. They had left by the time police arrived.

Other recent complaints include a stolen bicycle report. A 26" Atkins black bike with fenders and hand brakes was reported taken from the area of the swimming pool. Bicycle registration is mandatory, according to city ordinance. Registration takes place each week at the firehouse on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Chief Robert A. O'Brien reports that seven radar signs have been posted in the city. One has already been stolen.

Two young boys, eight to ten years of age, were seen taking a carton of soft drinks from a car parked in the lake parking lot. Chief O'Brien states that this would not have been possible had the driver of the car been cautious enough to lock the vehicle.

New residents in a Greenbelt home reported to police that the former owner had left behind a large amount of live ammunition. The ammunition was turned over to police.

The last thing reported in the police column this week will be the sad plight of six emaciated kittens, found in a box near the Greenbelt entrance to the Beltsville farm. On the box, police found the name of a person living in D. C., who stated upon inquiry that a Greenbelt resident had agreed to find homes for the kittens. Apparently the attempt was unsuccessful and the six little kittens were left to nature. The Greenbelt resident was notified by police to return the kittens to their former owner in D. C.

**Municipal Building Rising**

City Manager James Giese reports that work is proceeding rapidly on the construction of the new municipal building, scheduled to be completed by the fall. Workmen will be pouring concrete for the ground floor this week.

Steel door frames have already been installed, and the brick-and-block walls have risen above the height of the window-sills.

A sample wall, of cinder block with brick veneer, located near one of the construction trailers in the parking lot behind the building site, has aroused a certain curiosity among the citizenry. Giese explained that it was built by the contractor before brick-laying began on the actual building, to serve as a model for the approval of the architect and city officials regarding the color of the brick and the style of mortaring.

The Department of Public Works has installed several benches under a tree beside the building site for the convenience of sidewalk superintendents.

**Greenbaum Bar Mitzvah**

Milton Greenbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greenbaum, 22-A Ridge, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, July 13, at 10 a.m. in the Jewish Community Center. Rabbi Morris Gordon will officiate.

**Tennis Exhibition**

On Sunday, July 14, at 5:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Recreation Department will offer for education and enjoyment a tennis exhibition at the Greenbelt Courts. The participants will be Robert Jackson and Clint Bruess.

Jackson played for the Southeastern Louisiana State University tennis team. After graduation he served as an instructor at the University of Maryland and at present is coach and instructor at Gallaudet College.

Bruess, the instructor for the city-sponsored summer tennis program, formerly played tennis at MacCalaster College in Minnesota. He will be an instructor at the University of Maryland in the fall.

The purpose of the exhibition is to demonstrate how an actual tennis match is played and officiated. Brief explanations of play, court procedure, and strategy will be provided.

**Free Band Concerts**

Works of Wagner, Sibelius, Strauss and Dvorak are featured in U. S. Army Band concerts at United States Capitol next week.

Dvorak's Carnival Overture, Opus 92, and Wagner's Introduction to Act I from "Lohengrin" will be included in the Watergate concert at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday on the Potomac River near the Lincoln Memorial.

Wagner's Prelude to "Die Meistersinger von Nuremberg," Sibelius' Finlandia and Strauss' Chit Chat Jolka will be included in the Capitol concert, to be conducted at 8 p.m. Friday by Major Samuel Loboda.

**Tennis Tournament July 19**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will hold its first Tennis Tournament beginning Friday, July 19, at 9 a.m. on the Greenbelt Tennis Courts.

Singles will be played in the following categories: boys and girls 12 and under; 13 and under; 18 and under; adults, men and women. Entries are open to Greenbelt residents only. All entries must be received, accompanied by a small entry fee, by 8 p.m. Thursday, July 18. The department will furnish the balls and first and second place awards.

Each division will be limited to sixteen players, on a first come, first serve basis. Entry blanks may be picked up at the swimming pool. They are to be completed and returned with the entry fee to the Youth Center. Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Entries may be mailed.

For further information call the Recreation Department, 474-6878.

**Greenbelt Archery Range**

City crews have been clearing the area behind the Little League ballfield at McDonald Field in order to construct an archery range for use this summer. Three targets have been set up. Registration for archery lessons took place on Monday, July 1, and a total of 67 children and 3 adults have enrolled. The archery range is located behind the 7 Court of Southway.

**Lassie League Activities**

The Greenbelt Lassie League would like to thank the residents of Greenbelt and surrounding areas for their help in making the candy drive a success.

The funds enabled them to purchase caps and shorts for the players.

**Offer Swim Therapy For Crippled Children**

Swimming therapy for crippled children in Prince Georges county will be offered this summer, for the first time, as an Easter Seal program. Beginning July 23, the four-week swimming therapy program, under the supervision of a registered physical therapist and qualified swimming instructors, will be available to disabled youngsters of the county. There is no charge to residents.

All persons interested in participating should contact F. Robert Knight at SPruce 3-7222, or write to the Easter Seal Treatment Center, 9422 Annapolis Road, Lanham, for an interview.

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